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**Court Welcomes District Judge Lindsay Jenkins in Ceremonial Investiture**

Chicago, Ill. – On August 11, 2023, U.S. District Judge Lindsay Jenkins was sworn in as a district judge at a ceremonial investiture.

“Judge Jenkins is an excellent addition to the district court. She has earned the respect of the bench and bar, and her outstanding credentials, including expertise in litigating complex cases, strengthen this court and serve our district well,” said Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer.

Chief Judge Pallmeyer welcomed guests. Former United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Zachary Fardon, made the motion to administer the Oath of Office, and Circuit Judge John Z. Lee administered the Oath of Office. Judge Jenkins fills the seat vacated by Judge John Z. Lee, who was elevated to the 7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals on September 9, 2022.

Prior to joining the Court, Judge Jenkins was a partner at Cooley LLP in Chicago, Illinois, where she worked since 2021. She previously served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Illinois from 2006 to 2021. There she served as Chief or Deputy Chief of several units, including Chief of the Criminal Division from 2019 to 2021. Prior to her work as an AUSA, Judge Jenkins was an associate at Jones Day from 2004 to 2006. She served as a law clerk to Judge Solomon Oliver, Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio from 2002 to 2004. Judge Jenkins earned her law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University in 2002, and her undergraduate degree from Miami University of Ohio in 1998.

On July 14, 2022, President Biden announced his intent to nominate Judge Jenkins to serve as a U.S. District Judge, and on September 19, 2022, her nomination was sent to the Senate. Judge Jenkins’ nomination was advanced through the Senate Judiciary Committee in the last Congress but did not receive a final confirmation vote on the floor. President Biden re-nominated Judge

Jenkins on January 3, 2023. On February 14, 2023, she was confirmed by the U.S. Senate. She received her judicial commission on February 24, 2023.

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